

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDE (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

The water potential of the valley near Thornahalli Village is being investigated to determine the feasibility of undertaking the construction of a pick-up.

Construction of a pick-up near Uttanur in Mulbagal Taluk is also under investigation.

Member's representation

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (K. G. F., S. C.).—Sir, I want to know as to what happened to our Speaker and the Deputy Speaker. (*laughter*) Sir, when both of them are not here, what is the procedure to be followed, I want to know. When the Speaker goes on leave, he will entrust the work to the Deputy Speaker and *vice versa*. I would like to know as to what happened to both of them because there is strong rumour prevailing which I do not want to mention now. (*laughter*). We want to know whether they are ill or whether there is any other reason for their absence.

Dr R. NAGAN GOWDA.—What is that strong remour may I know?

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, I am seeking a ruling on this.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—There is no question of ruling; He should please resume his seat. It is not necessary for the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker to be always here. Any Member on the panel of the Chairman can occupy the Chair and conduct the business of the House. If the Hon'ble Member had enough courtesy to find out whether the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker were indisposed, he could have found it out earlier.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Sir, yesterday I raised a point of order and you said you had reserved the ruling; may I know what happened to it Sir?

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Yes, it is still reserved. (*laughter*)

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—The point is, it pertains to the rights of the Members.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—That is all right; He cannot fix any time limit for giving my ruling.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—Sir, in regard to the point raised by my friend Sri Deenadayalu Naidu, I brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Speaker that it is a serious matter which has got to be considered and a ruling given.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—I said yesterday that it would be very serious, y considered. (*laughter*)

Sri G. E. HOOVER (Chickpet).—Sir, there is general order of the Government that whenever there is the session, the Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries, etc. should be present in the office. To-morrow, it is a partial holiday. I want to know whether they should be in the office when there is a partial holiday.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Government need not reply to that.

2-00 P.M.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1961-62.

General Discussion—Continued.

Sri K. K. HEGDE.—Mr. Speaker, Sir, At the outset.....

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Sri K. K. HEGDE.—Since I have started my speech in English I believe the rules do not permit me to change the language. I therefore request my Hon'ble friend to pardon me. I am however prepared to explain to him my arguments if he cares to meet me in person.

Sir, my friend Sri Ramaiah from Bellary has been urging that a medical college be started in Bellary. He has been repeating this demand during budget and other speeches. I know that he has promised to get donations for 10 lakhs and also to collect more funds. There are other claimants like Gulbarga, which has also promised an amount of 20 lakhs through the Hyderabad Karnatak Education Society and also 6.5 lakhs as donation.

[Mr. CHAIRMAN, Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA in the Chair].

While starting the medical college, I think members are aware, we have to take into consideration several factors, like the facilities available both buildings and more important than that, a hospital. I may however assure my friend from Bellary that his claims will be considered fully along with other claims.

Dr. Alva complained about the slow tempo towards improving medical colleges and starting of post-graduate courses and hospitals. I may assure him that every step has been taken in regard to the improvement of medical colleges. We have sanctioned full-time teaching units at an annual cost of 8 lakhs and we have increased admission strength at Mysore from 100 to 150, at Bangalore from 100 to 150, and at Hubli from 80 to 120. We have also sanctioned buildings to the tune of 120 lakhs over and above the 1½ crores that we have spent on the Hubli Medical College. More than 180 teaching posts have been advertised by the P. S. C. and I think they are recruiting them within a week or ten days. With regard to post-graduate courses,